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SUBJ: US-EC DRAFT--CANADIAN VIEWS

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CADIEUX CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SPRINGSTEEN, OCTOBER 25, TO TRANSMIT CANADIAN VIEWS ON US-EC DRAFT (STATE 198317). HE REITERATED THAT CANADIANS WELCOMED DEVELOPING US-EC RELATIONSHIP AND EXPRESSED GOC APPRECIATION FOR OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PROVIDED BY US EARLIER THIS MONTH. IN GENERAL, GOC FOUND DRAFT TEXT TENDING TO OVER-EMPHASIZE US-EC TIES TO EXCLUSION OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE AND CANADIANS HAD FEELING THAT THEIR PARTICULAR INTERESTS WERE "BEING LEFT OUT". CADIEUX THEN NOTED THAT FOLLOWING POINTS GAVE CANADIANS SOME CONCERN AND HE HOPED US WOULD BEAR THEM IN MIND:

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(1) SECTION V, PARAGRAPH 22 -- GOC WOULD BE

INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHETHER US WISHED
TO REQUIRE PRIOR CONSULTATION ON ALL
ECONOMIC ISSUES, ALSO IN KNOWING
WHAT SPECIFIC MATTERS MIGHT LIE BEHIND
THE WORDING "SEEK TO AVOID TRANSMITTING
THE COSTS OF DOMESTIC POLICIES".

(2) SECTION VI, PARAGRAPH 24 -- CANADIANS
WISHED TO KNOW WHAT IDEAS WE MIGHT HAVE
FOR COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL ARRANGEMENTS
TO DEAL WITH SHORTAGES OR SURPLUSES.

(3) SECTION VII, PARAGRAPH 26 -- CANADIANS
QUESTIONED OUR VIEW OF THE FUTURE ROLE
OF SDRS AND WOULD APPRECIATE FULLER
DETAILS OF OUR VIEWS ON EXCHANGE RATES.

(4) SECTION VIII, PARAGRAPH 27 -- CANADIANS
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE OF US THINKING
ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT. IN THIS
REGARD, CADIEUX REFERRED TO FACT THAT
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LEGISLATION
WAS PRESENTLY BEFORE CANADIAN PARLIA-
MENT.

(5) SECTION XII, PARAGRAPH 31 -- IN VIEW OF
CANADIAN WEALTH OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
CANADIANS INTERESTED IN WHAT US HAD IN
MIND REGARDING GREATER COOPERATION IN
FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO ABOVE CANADIAN COMMENTS AND GOC
INTEREST IN LEARNING HOW OCTOBER 18 MEETING WITH EC
POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN COPENHAGEN HAD GONE, SPRINGSTEEN
GAVE CADIEUX GENERAL PICTURE OF STATE OF PLAY ON US-EC
DRAFT. NOTING THAT EC HAVING INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES ON
TEXT, SPRINGSTEEN SAID THAT THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS
WERE ONLY PREPARED IN COPENHAGEN TO DISCUSS THE FIRST
17 PARAGRAPHS. THE REMAINING PARAGRAPHS WERE STILL UNDER
REVIEW BY EC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES IN BRUSSELS. US
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BELIEVED THAT THE COPENHAGEN MEETING HAD MADE SOME
PROGRESS. HOWEVER, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE EC WERE NOT
BEING FORTHCOMING ON SUCH US INTERESTS AS REFERENCES TO
PARTNERSHIP, INTERDEPENDENCE, AND FULLER COOPERATION AND
CONSULTATION. SPRINGSTEEN SAID THAT
EUROPEANS APPARENTLY DID NOT WANT TO GO BEYOND EXISTING
FORMS OF CONSULTATION WHEREAS THE US, ALTHOUGH HAVING NO
GRAND DESIGNS FOR INSTITUTIONS OR MACHINERY, SEES THE

NEED FOR PROGRESSIVE EVOLUTION IN OUR RELATIONSHIP.

3. REGARDING THE POINTS RAISED BY AMBASSADOR CADIEUX ON US-EC DRAFT, SPRINGSTEEN SAID THAT IN EACH OF THESE AREAS WE ARE NOT INTENDING TO GO BEYOND EXISTING AGREEMENTS OR TO INTERFERE WITH ONGOING INSTITUTIONS. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE REFERRED TO THE QUESTION ON EXCHANGE RATES AND SAID THAT THE US HAS NO INTENTION OF GOING BEYOND THE OUTCOME OF THE RECENT NAIROBI MEETING. HE ASSURED AMBASSADOR CADIEUX IN SUCH MATTERS AS THE HANDLING OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURAL ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER ECONOMIC ISSUES, OUR CONCERN IS TO HAVE BETTER CONSULTATION NOT NECESSARILY ANY NEW INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OR CONTROLS.

4. TURNING TO THE NATO DECLARATION, AMBASSADOR CADIEUX SAID THAT THE CANADIANS WISHED TO KEEP THEIR OWN DRAFT TEXT IN PLAY WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE FRENCH TEXT HAS RECEIVED GENERAL ACCEPTANCE. HE UNDERScoreD CANADIAN INTEREST IN HAVING THE NATO TEXT DEAL NOT ONLY WITH EAST-WEST ISSUES BUT ANY "INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AFFECTING ALLIANCE MEMBERS". HE THOUGHT THE NATO DECLARATION SHOULD ALSO STRESS ARTICLE II ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY ECONOMIC MATTERS, AND THAT MBFR AND SALT SHOULD BE MENTIONED AS WELL AS CSCE. IN RESPONSE, SPRINGSTEEN ASSURED CADIEUX THAT ALTHOUGH WE CONSIDER THE FRENCH TEXT AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION WE BELIEVE THAT OTHER DRAFTS SHOULD BE DRAWN UPON ALSO. CADIEUX NOTED THAT, IN ANY EVENT, MENZIES WOULD BE MAKING THESE POINTS IN NATO (SEE USNATO 5099). KISSINGER

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